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Mr. C. S. Ayer is now calling upon subscribers in Maine County.

Mr. S. N. TAYLOR will call upon subscribers in Kennebec County during the months of January and February.

Mr. J. CLARK will visit subscribers in Waldo during the month of February.

The Revenue.

From advance sheets of the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, we learn that there has been a decided increase in the revenue for last year, notwithstanding the stagnation of business, and the general complaint of hard times. We have no doubt this statement of the Commissioner will be a matter of surprise to many, for we have frequently heard the remark made during the past year, that the government would feel the pinch of the hard times as individuals, and that there would be a marked diminution in internal revenue receipts.

The Commissioner's Report has not yet been presented to Congress, a formality which must be gone through with before it can be distributed, but it is an important document, and contains much information that is valuable to business men. The number of distilleries registered, and which have paid revenue during the past year, in the whole country, is 2,918, of which number 647 are grain and molasses distilleries, and the remainder fruit. They are distributed as follows: 96 are in Maine, 346 in Virginia, 398 in Kentucky, 439 in North Carolina, and 440 in Georgia; the balance are located in various places, but a few being in a single State. The total number of grain and molasses distilleries have a producing capacity of 62,500,000 gallons of spirit per year, or a trifle over 5,000,000 gallons per month. The amount of revenue collected on distilled spirits the past year was \$61,394,490.43. This is an increase of about four and a quarter millions of dollars over the collections of last year from the same source.

Fermented liquors also pay the government a large increase. The amount realized the past year from the tax on dollar brandy, brewers' special tax and the special tax of dealers, was \$6,071,280.41. There are engaged in the manufacture of fermented liquors in the United States 3,293 persons, and the production is nine million barrels.

The revenue received on tobacco from all sources is \$39,765,335.91. This includes the tax on manufacturers, snuff and cigars. There were exported during the year 13,049,019.35 pounds of tobacco. The increase of revenue on tobacco this year over last is \$1,555,020.09. The aggregate receipts on distilled and fermented liquors and on tobacco, in the various forms in which it is used during the year, is \$100,761,110.72.

There are various other sources of revenue named in the report, the largest amount being on deposit capital and circulation of banks which amounts to \$3,970,683.23. There has been an important falling off on incomes and dividends as was to be expected, but the Commissioner has endeavored to get the hard times, has managed to get together about one hundred and twenty millions of dollars during the past fiscal year. The amount is thus presented, of thriving government finance and an overflowing treasury, while almost every industry languishes, and the cry of poverty and hard times are everywhere heard.

The income from intoxicating liquors and tobacco gives an idea of the enormous quantities of these articles consumed by the American people, during a single year. We have been in the habit of twitting the English and German of their beer-drinking propensities, but since we have managed to dispose of nine millions of barrels in a year. The amount of distilled liquors stated in this report, upon which revenue is paid, large as it is, does not include nearly all the liquors manufactured in this country, for the fact is well known that there are numerous illicit distilleries in the Southern States which are kept in full blast night and day, and are so secretly operated and carefully guarded that revenue officers have utterly failed to arrest and punish the owners, and take possession of the contraband property. But the liquor statistics which are given in the report are suggestive, and would furnish texts for many temperance sermons.

The meeting of the Maine Editors' and Publishers' Association last week was one of the most interesting organizations ever held. The Maine Editors' and Publishers' Association for the ensuing year were elected: President, Brown Thompson of Portland; Vice President, Edwin Sprague, H. W. Richardson, William Noyes, Secretary, Joseph Wood; Treasurer, Chas. E. Nash; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. B. Lapham; Executive Committee, Alvin White, Chas. E. Nash, Geo. B. Watkins, Theobald, President, and Post for the next year, reported the appointment of W. B. Lapham of Augusta, as Essayist, and E. H. Elwell of Portland, as Poet.

At the morning session, Thursday, County Historians made their reports. Several amendments to the constitution were proposed and some of them prevailed. The name of the Society was changed to Maine Press Association, and the annual dues were reduced from three to two dollars. The following are the County Historians for the ensuing year: Androscoggin, Nelson Dingler, Jr.; Sagadahoc, F. G. Barker; Kennebec, E. F. Pillsbury; Franklin, C. W. Crockett; Androscoggin, Daniel Siskney; Hancock, L. A. Emery; Cumberland, H. H. Elwell; Oxford, Geo. H. Watkins; Knox, Edwin Sprague; Lincoln, Joseph Wood; Penobscot and Piscataquis, Frank K. Smith; Somerset, C. H. Kilby; Waldo, W. H. Simpson; York, Wm. Noyes; Washington, G. W. Drisco.

Thursday afternoon a poem was read by Rev. Dr. Quinby, and a biographical sketch of the late John Neal was read by Mr. E. H. Elwell of the Portland Transcript. The Editors paid their respects to the person to State being present, and then several of them visited the Maine House Hospital. The meeting Thursday evening was devoted to an informal talk upon questions of general interest to the members of the craft.

Barnabee will give one of his inimitable entertainments at Granite Hall, this (Thursday) evening. He will appear in a variety of characters never personated by him in this city before, and will be assisted by a talented company of singers. Wherever this company goes it draws full houses, and their performances are spoken of in the highest terms. Barnabee himself needs no introduction to our Augusta audience. Tickets are for sale at the Eastern Express office and at ticket office of the Hall.

The President has nominated Ellis Spear of Maine, to be Commissioner of Patents. Mr. Spear has long been in the Patent office, and is now serving as Chief Examiner.

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The Lewis and Kennebec railroad has closed for winter, the traffic being insufficient to warrant the expense of keeping the road clear. This is the line which is built, is to run from Quebec to Augusta and Wiscasset, via West Waterville.

Maine Legislature.

The time for the reception of petitions expired on Wednesday of last week. Some few petitions which came from distant parts of the State and had been snow-bound for several days, were received after the expiration of the time, under a suspension of the rules, but they will probably be no more such cases, and the legislative grind of the present session may be reckoned all in.

As we have before said, but little important business will come before the Legislature at this session, and we are glad to notice that the committees report "legislation, in expedient" on most of the propositions for amending the revised statutes.

The capital punishment question came up quite unexpectedly in the Senate, on an order introduced by Mr. Brackett for the committee to enquire into the expediency of restoring the death penalty. There was quite a sharp discussion when it was defeated by a vote of 21 to 8. It is hardly heard of more at the present session.

The railroad committee have reported several bills which are still pending in the House. One of them is designed to break up loading around railway stations and is a penalty of two dollars upon any person who is convicted of violating the railway station or upon the platform without right. Another extends the time for locating and building the extension of the Somerset railroad and the third permits the Old Orchard Railroad Company to suspend operating their road during a portion of the year.

The committee on railroads have closed upon the bill for the extension of the Somerset Railroad. The bill is now in the hands of the Governor. The committee on legal affairs have referred to them all the petitions and orders relating to a change in the game laws. The present stringent laws bear somewhat hard upon those who hunt for profit and not for sport, but it is not likely any change will be made the present session.

A bill has been reported for a commission of five persons, to be appointed by the Governor, who are to serve without compensation, to codify the laws of the State relating to fisheries. The bill will probably pass.

The order looking to the abolition of imprisonment for debt was given the "go" by the committee on legal affairs, but it is a question of time, as the bill is a bar to the law which will not much longer find a place upon our statute books.

A movement was made before the railroad committee for a change in the law defining the number of brakemen which must be employed on passenger trains. It was claimed where air brakes are used a less number of brakemen are required, and the committee were divided on the subject. The bill was finally disposed of to report a bill, but it is not likely it will be reported.

The Maine Association for the Protection of Fish was held at Augusta, Wednesday, January 24th. The President of the Association, J. H. Kimball of Bath, was necessarily absent, and Vice President Badger presided. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Wm. B. Badger, Augusta; Vice President, C. H. Hazlett, Belfast; Treasurer and Secretary, J. W. Clapp, Augusta; Executive Committee, J. H. Kimball, Bath; J. H. Maness, H. Smith, Portland, and Samuel E. Smith, Wiscasset. A board of fifteen directors was also chosen. Several new members were voted in, among whom were Judge W. M. Virgin, Byron D. Verrill, Esq., and A. A. Strout, Esq., all of Portland.

The Secretary was instructed to procure a change in the charter so as to include the preservation of game within the scope of the Association. An amendment to the Constitution was proposed,

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H. E. BAKER, Judge.
Noted: CHARLES HENRY, Register.

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